

CAMP MEADE SOARS TO 40.3 CENTS

High Cost of Living Causes Increase—Mess Sergeants on Job.

By ANDREW R. KELLEY.
Camp Meade, Md., Nov. 9.—Old High Cost of Living has invaded this cantonment and henceforth Uncle Sam will permit the mess sergeants to spend 40.3 cents per day to feed each soldier, instead of 37.7 cents, which has been the prevailing rate since the military population swarmed into Camp Meade.

This increase of less than one cent a day seems infinitesimal, but when one considers that it applies to hundreds of thousands of men in the olive drab, in the course of a month it amounts to a tremendous item.

Mess Sergeant Buys Food.
Under the military system, each mess sergeant goes to the depot stores and buys his food for the company. If he is a shrewd buyer he can spend that 40.3 cents per day to feed a man in a manner that will give the mess a variety of food, and plenty of it. Otherwise the soldiers are exceedingly liable to have frequent diets of "camouflage," which, in army parlance, means hash. Mess sergeants Scotch and Niedamanski, who are feeding the District boys, know how to buy.

"Little Bobs," one of the great fighters of the British army in Flanders, arrived at the camp today and was welcomed by the mess sergeants. "Bobs" is the name of the headquarters troop. "Bobs" named after the idol of the British "Tommy," is the black-nosed Lewis machine gun which the Washingtonians will use.

Sergeant Harry Noonan, a big, black-haired Britisher who worked "Bobs" against the Hun at Alame and at a score of other places, arrived to demonstrate it.

Noonan is one of the English non-commissioned officers who have arrived to put the polish on the American fighters of the division as part of their training for "over there."

"Bobs" Does Good Work.
"My boys, but 'Bobs' did grand work against the Boches. He sent out 60 deaths a minute and every time he coughed it was a requiem for some Hun over yonder. I had 'Bobs' in No Man's Land pumping away while our lads went over the top, and I saw Boche after Boche fall as the little gun got into action. They never knocked 'Bobs' out once, but I've been nipped a couple of times, though. One of them hit me in the head and another kicked me in the right leg."

Here's a sample of the advice that the English and French officers are giving the District boys:

"Remember that the allied soldiers have an unwritten law which makes it impossible for a man with a bayonet to turn back when ordered to charge."

"Remember that when the time comes for you to go over the top that you must clutch your gun and think what will happen to the old world if the Kaiser wins. Then fight like hell."

Remember that you have more intelligence than the Germans; that you are quicker; that you are a better shot; that you can lick three men with your bayonet. Once you have this confidence you are ready for the slow-thinking, machine-like Hun."

Plenty of "Godmothers."
Every soldier in the camp may have a "god mother."

The Royal Girls of American Society has sent a letter to Maj. Gen. Kitching, the first of a series of letters to do at Camp Meade and among the soldiers abroad. Mrs. Burton Hansen is president of the organization and Miss Gertrude Elmore is secretary.

The society aims to provide a "god-mother," a girl who will write new home letters, will send cigarettes, pipes and tobacco, and will supply other comforts for every uniformed man, both in the army and the navy.

Infantry skirmish was one of the new movements introduced at the camp today. Equally interesting was the "dum-dum" drill, in which both officers and enlisted men consist of hopping on all fours over the prostrate dummies, with rifles in the hands of the hoppers.

Platoons are taken on the field each day, ordered to race about at the direction of their commander; engage in wrestling, playing leapfrog by jumping over the bent backs of the others of the comrades, hurrying over sticks and a down on their hands that help to develop every muscle in the body.

Worse than war is the way the men feel about sitting in the dentists chair, with thirty more waiting outside the door. They will put the teeth of every man in perfect condition.

Cobblers throughout the camp have hundreds of pairs of shoes that they are holding up until the government supplies leather. Practice on the rifle ranges is to be started within a few days.

CHILD'S TONGUE BECOMES COATED IF CONSTIPATED

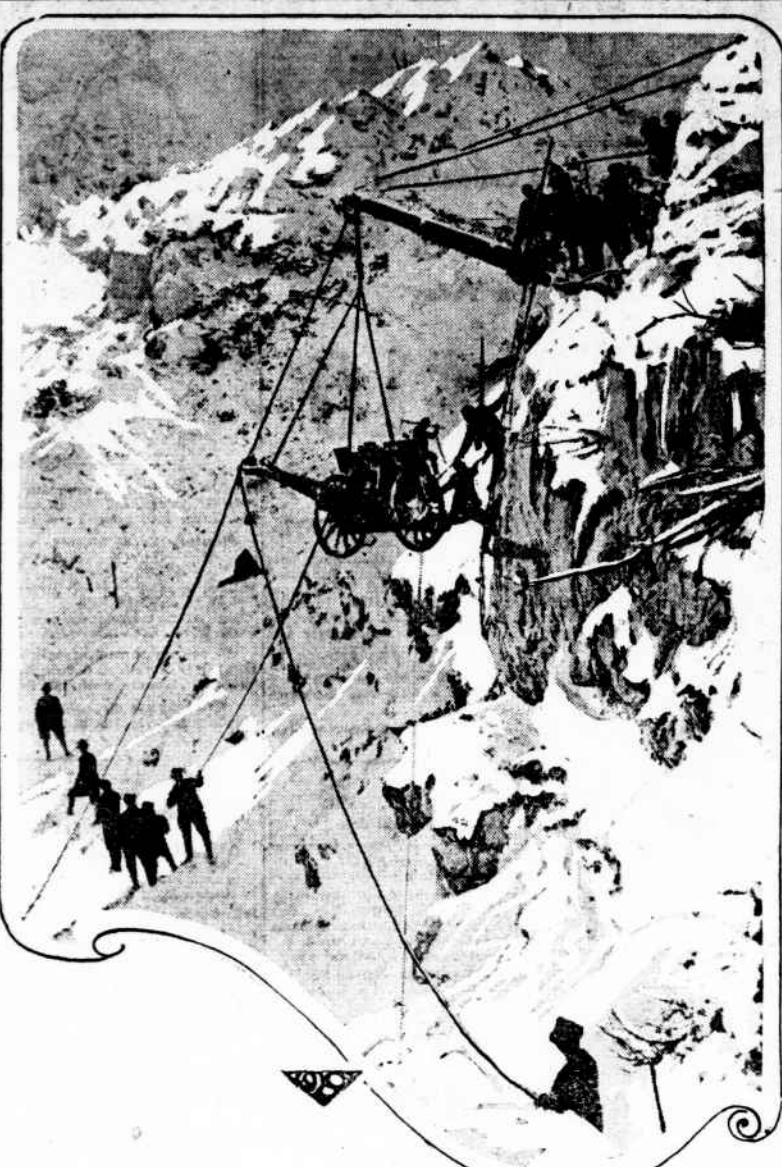
When Cross, Feverish and Sick Give "California Syrup of Figs."

"Children love this 'Fruit Laxative,' and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomachache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated then give a teaspoonful of 'California Syrup of Figs,' and in a few hours the constipated waste, sour bile, and undigested food passes out of the system and you have a well, playful child again."

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages, and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.—Adv.

WHERE ITALY FIGHTS AUSTRIA



So far as natural obstacles are concerned, the most spectacular fighting of the war has been that of the Italians along the Austrian front. Here in the Alps Gen. Cadorna's heroes pressed forward or upward, before their recent retreat, over such terrain as this, dragging their artillery and baggage with them. The photograph shows a field gun being hoisted up a mountain side by a small derrick. From shell to shell it is lifted step by step, soon to thunder against the Austrian defenses. Some of the soldiers have ridden on the gun half way up the cliff, and can be seen scrambling across the rope ladder to climb up and help lift the piece of artillery.

DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC IS THREATENED HERE

Sixty-four Cases Discovered in Two District Schools.

Washington schools are threatened with a diphtheria epidemic. Two graded schools have been seriously affected. They are the Toner School, Twenty-fourth and F streets northwest, and the Eckington School, in Eckington.

A total of sixty-four cases of diphtheria have been recorded by the District health department at these two schools.

Fifty-five of these cases are confined to the Eckington School. Twenty-seven were discovered during the last few days, and twenty-eight cases were discovered yesterday.

Only nine cases of diphtheria have been recorded at the Toner School since October 15.

As a safeguard against the spreading of diphtheria, the health department has had several rooms in the two schools disinfected.

LOWER MILK BILLS AIM OF CIVIC BODY

Plans to reduce the high cost of milk were discussed by the members of the Grant-Toner-Wrightman Parent-Teachers' Association at a meeting of the association in the Toner School, Twenty-fourth and F streets northwest.

The members plan to buy milk from one dealer and have it delivered to their homes, and by ordering it in quantities would reduce the cost.

7 WOMEN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED THEFTS

Police Claim to Have Unearthed Stealing of Store Employees.

With the arrest last night of seven women who were employed as clerks in a prominent department store on Seventh street, police officials today believe that a decided leak upon the profits of the owners of the store has been stopped.

All but one of the women arrested admitted stealing goods from the store. The woman who was not arrested is being held for further investigation.

The women were arrested by Central Office Detective Kelly and Mrs. Sarah V. Farling, only policewoman. The method which the women used to obtain goods from the store was a novel one. According to the police, each one of the women worked in a different department of the store and would trade their respective line of goods with each other.

One woman would trade a \$25 dress for a \$7 pair of shoes was one of the examples cited by the police of the way they worked.

All the women were placed in the house of detention on a charge of "being for investigation."

A negro porter of the store was also arrested on the thought that he had helped the women carry off some of their alleged stolen goods. He said that he had carried bundles from the store, but denied any knowledge of what they contained.

A telegram from Cairo states that the Alexandria Sporting Club has given \$1,000 from racing profits to military charities. In pre-war days racing did not realize more than a few hundred pounds profit annually.

CAMP MEADE RED CROSS HEAD NAMED

Charles J. Ferrin, Jr., Opens Office in Cantonment.

Charles J. Ferrin, Jr., of New York, has been appointed field director of the American Red Cross at Camp Meade, where he will represent the Red Cross in caring for the wants of the boys camped there.

Mr. Ferrin was formerly field director at the regular army at Syracuse, N. Y.

When he opened his headquarters at the camp yesterday, Mr. Ferrin took with him a truckload of supplies, which will be given to the soldiers who most need them, and additional sweaters will be provided soon in sufficient quantity to supply the needs of all. Mr. Ferrin will be provided with a quantity of emergency supplies to enable him to render assistance.

There are now field directors representing the Bureau of Camp Service in thirty-nine national army cantonments, National Guard mobilization camps and naval stations, and others will probably be added. These men are careful not to duplicate the work of the army or other organization, such as the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus, now established in the camps.

In order that there may be no duplication, the Red Cross does not furnish any articles, whether they are part of the outfit provided by the government or are in the nature of additional comforts, except upon the request of the military or naval officer in charge. This prevents the Red Cross from intruding within the proper sphere of any branch of the army organization.

GALLANT SOLDIERS OF THE SEA ARE READY



United States Marines Ready to Give the Germans the Cold Steel After Going Over the Top

WAR INDUSTRIAL EXPERTS CHOSEN FOR NEW JOBS

Committees Are to Be Dissolved as Result of Criticism.

The war industries committees of the Council of National Defense in the council's War Industries Board are to be dissolved. Orders carrying instructions for the dissolution were sent to the various committees yesterday. In their place will be formed a committee of industrial experts, to be employed by the government, and the general work of the committees will be taken over by trade representatives selected by the respective industries themselves instead of by the government. These will act in an unofficial advisory capacity.

This change in the supervision of war industries is the result of criticism of the emergency method that placed the industries at the disposal of the government through leaders of the various industries chosen by the council, placing the members of the committees in the questionable position of representing both the government and their own trade. If not their own immediate interests. The emergency appointments were open to criticism, also, because the smaller interests in the various industries had no voice in the selection of the men who exercised influence if not control.

New System Efficient.
The new system is designed to be not only more equitable but more efficient. Each industry is being urged to select through its existing organization a central representative committee to treat with the government for its own interests for the preservation of its prosperity in the necessary curtailment of non-essential production and to co-operate with the government in war needs.

The activity of these war service committees will be unofficial; they will call on the government when they see fit, or will be called on by the government when the council requires. The permanent advisory body, instead of the many war industries committees to be dissolved, will be the unified exports board, from any dual interests or question as to their proper representation. Some of them will be retained from the outgoing committees, others still are to be selected. The personnel of the experts board has not been announced.

ELECTRIC RAILROADS OFFER AID TO U. S.

War Board in Session Elects G. N. McCarter President.

The recently appointed War Board of the American Electric Railway Association met in this city yesterday, and organized Thomas N. McCarter, president of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, was elected chairman. The other members of the board are: Burton L. Byrd, president of Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad; Arthur W. Brady, president of the Union Traction Company of Indiana; P. H. Gadsden, president of Charleston Consolidated Railway and Lighting Company of Charleston, S. C.; and L. S. Steers, president of the Connecticut Company, New Haven, Connecticut.

The board formally voted to offer aid to the government in the transportation of military supplies. The board also voted to offer aid to the government in the transportation of military supplies. The board also voted to offer aid to the government in the transportation of military supplies.

ASK COURT FOR DISSOLUTION.

Nicholas E. Besson and Augusta M. Vessels, trading as N. E. Besson, Incorporated, dyers and cleaners, formerly of Eighteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, filed a petition yesterday in the District Supreme Court for a dissolution of the corporation.

For the past two years, the petition states, the concern has been losing money, partly because of the change of its former location. It has no location at present at which to conduct business. When incorporated in 1902 the concern had a capital stock of \$5,000, which was later increased to \$15,000. Attorney Irving Williamson represents the petitioners.

According to Les Nouvelles, of Maastricht, the Germans have ordered all men between the ages of 15 and 60 in certain communes in Belgium, under a penalty of two years' imprisonment, to present themselves to the Kommandantur of the district in order to be given work.

WAR TONNAGE OF U. S. IN HANDS OF 3 EXPERTS

George Dearborn, L. H. Shoarman and Daniel Bacon to Handle Traffic.

Three prominent New York shipping men, rated among the country's foremost overseas traffic experts, have been selected to operate American war tonnage to its utmost efficiency. Chairman Edward N. Hurley, of the United States Shipping Board, announced the formation of this committee last night.

It includes George Dearborn, formerly president of the American Hawaiian Steamship Company, chairman, representing the War Department; L. H. Shoarman, of William R. Grace & Co., representing the Shipping Board, and Daniel Bacon, now a member of the Shipping Board's chartering committee, representing the Navy Department.

Use All Tonnage.
While the Emergency Fleet Corporation is straining every effort to produce new tonnage speedily, these men will make it their business to get the most results out of tonnage now available. They will have charge of the movements of all vessels taken over by the War and Navy departments.

Under the old system, by which each branch requisitioned ships and operated them without consultation with the others, there was a serious loss of shipping days and waste of cargo space.

With this week spot covered, members of the Shipping Board last night felt their work is progressing on an even keel. The labor situation is better than it has been in months. Atlantic coast shipyards report practically no strikes at present, and the Wage Adjustment Board, returning yesterday from the Pacific Coast, reported the situation from Seattle to San Diego very satisfactory. The board will remain in Washington a few days before taking up the adjustment of some few remaining problems on the East coast.

Complaints of charter parties that they are not receiving their share of money from sums paid by the government for requisitioned ships were rapidly nearing adjustment last night under supervision of Commissioner Page. Mr. Page also took up the work of procuring additional seamen to man the new mercantile fleet.

DANIELS IN FAVOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Secretary of Navy Throws Weight of Support to Movement.

The \$1,000,000 fund being raised this week for War Camp Community Service will do its part toward making the millions of young men who are in the military service feel the weight of the Democracy they represent. The government cannot be supported too strongly.

Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, has thrown the whole weight of his support to War Camp Community Service. In a statement yesterday starting with the paragraph quoted here, Secretary Daniels said: "We realize that you cannot place thousands of young men in rough camps on the outskirts of strange cities, you cannot neglect them or treat them as social inferiors without the danger of causing them to yield to the temptations which the hospitality of vice and dissipation invites."

"So it is that we are giving some thought to the social organization of the millions of young men we have gathered together for training for the army and the navy. We are going to compete with the evils that have proved so costly to all former fighting forces. We are going to make the American fighting men ideal types of clean, healthy, energetic and clean amusements, and to the evil temptations of city life. I think we are going to tempt soldiers and sailors to be good."

"The War Camp Community Service has been requested to undertake this work for the government. The funds being raised this week will support the work for a year, a net cost of \$1 for each man for a year. This is little enough when one considers that it will inspire our boys with the new national spirit, a higher Americanism, an earnestness in service that will carry them more quickly to the victory they must earn."

MILLION EACH YEAR. DINING CARS' COST

The traveler who is being flashed along at fifty miles an hour in a dining car has not the slightest conception of what it costs to operate that flying restaurant on wheels measuring only 27 1/2 feet, according to the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The average cost that the traveler receives is 70-75 cents, but the operating cost of the railroad's complimentary says that moving the diners and keeping them as restaurants costs something like \$500,000 each year, which does not include the pay of the service staffs, which runs to more than \$500,000 yearly.

Under the government's policy of avoiding labor troubles by recourse to arbitration, when possible, the New York harbor boatmen have agreed to adopt that means of adjusting their differences.



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INCOME WON'T STAND INCREASE IN ALIMONY

Thomson H. Alexander, 50 years of age, told the District Supreme Court yesterday, in a petition, that he is unable to increase the alimony he is paying his former wife, Belle Alexander, who divorced him forty years ago. Mrs. Alexander is now receiving \$10 a month, and charged in her petition for an increase that her former husband is wealthy owning stocks and bonds and spends his winters in Florida.

The husband admits spending his winters there, but states that his health demands a change of seasons. He has remarried, he tells the court.

As to his income, Alexander states that after paying his former wife \$10 a month alimony he has only \$122 left for himself and his present wife, his total income being only \$202.

GRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER WAS "HOT"

Secretary Grant, of the Chamber of Commerce, has a new one.

When I was living in Minneapolis, where I was born, I lived in a telephone district which was neither considered fully within the St. Paul or the Minneapolis district. So they called it Midway.

"They gave me the phone number of 2-1."

"One day I was surprised when a caller in my office told me that I lived in a rather hot section. I was beginning to get offended, when he asked me my home phone number. 'In my heated condition, I blurted out 'Midway-2-1.' With a heavy breath on the L. And as the door closed the caller gave me the laugh."

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